

HULMEVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL
Meeting Minutes
August 4, 2014

The regular monthly meeting of the Hulmeville Borough Council was held on the above date at the Borough Hall, 321 Main Street.

Councilmember's Present

Thomas Wheeler, President
Raymond Johnson, Vice President
Dan Mandolesi arrived 8:55pm
Debbie Mahon
Dale Walton Jr.
Nick Lodise
Judy Coleman

Staff in Attendance

Solicitor Robert DeBias
Fire Marshal Bill Wheeler
Police Chief Tom Walton
Authority Chair Jim Clark
Treasurer Diane McKairnes
Water & Sewer Clerk Pat Slater
Secretary Dorothy Omietanski

Councilmember's Absent: Mayor Dave Harris

Staff Absent: None

Guests in Attendance: Ron Robbins, Sherri Wheeler and Mrs. Johnson.

Call to Order: Mr. Wheeler called the meeting to order at 7:40pm; all those present joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes: Motion made by Ms. Mahon seconded by Mr. Johnson to approve the minutes of July 7, 2014; Motion passed with all in favor 6-0-0.

Police Report:

- Mr. Johnson read the report for the month of July 2014: 6 Incidents, 2 Traffic, 4 Parking, 1 Accidents, 1 Assists, 0 Summary, 0 Criminal, 45 District Court, 0 County Court, 0 EMS for a total hours worked: 236.0, Total Salary \$4,951.91.
- Mr. Johnson discussed an issue the police and fire department are having with house numbers. They are asking that something is mentioned in both the Town Crier and website explaining and encouraging everyone in the community make sure their house number is posted clearly. The house number should be 3 to 4 inches and in a contrasting colors. Multiple dwellings should be clearly marked with an A – B – C.
- Mr. Walton suggested the borough look into a device that is placed between a light bulb and the socket and when you move your wall switch on and off a couple times it will activate the light bulb to flash. These items have been distributed in Philadelphia to all residence and helps fire and police locate a house in an event of an emergency.
- Chief Walton announced that there have been two cases of identity theft in the borough. One was from a debit card and the other may have been from information taken from the mail. He encourages everyone to shred any junk mail that says you have been approved for a credit card. He says that thieves can use information on those document to steal your identity.
- Mrs. Johnson wanted to voice concern from a fellow neighbor in Hulmeville. The person is very concerned with the speed at which the traffic is traveling along Main Street. The cars are

traveling too fast and they ignore stop signs. Chief Walton said they do scout stop signs at Lincoln and Reetz, Washington and Reetz and Lincoln and Ford. When they are sitting there people of course abide by the stop sign.

- Mr. Lodise needs a contact number for Officer Juno so that he can contact him regarding painting lines. Chief Walton will forward him Officer Juno's number.

Public Comment: Ms. Wheeler wanted to express her frustration with recycling. The recycle bins along the 600 block of Main Street and various spots throughout Hulmeville are not being picked up. A suggestion was made that when the contract is renewed with Republic that a drive along be completed to confirm the borders of Hulmeville.

Authority:

- The ACT 537 plan of study has been accepted. The next step is to complete a needs assessment and the agreement with BCWSA needs to be signed. Mr. Clark does not feel comfortable signing the agreement with BCWSA the way it is written and needs to schedule an appointment to review some of the wording. What most concerns Mr. Clark is the fact that there is no cap. Everything is based on metering and he feels that there needs to be a limit. He encourages council to please read over the agreement and provide him any feedback. He asked that Ms. Mahon, Mr. Wheeler and Mr. DeBias attend the meeting he will set up with BCWSA. He is hoping to set up a meeting with them in the next couple of weeks.
- Ms. Mahon received a text that the fire hydrant behind the firehouse on Trenton Road is not working. Mr. Clark will contact BCWSA to have them come out and fix it.

Storm Water:

- Ms. Mahon received a 182 page NPDES phase II MS4 annual report from Mario. She needed to send out one letter to 941 Bellevue Ave. Ms. Mahon will make one paper copy of the document and the document will be on file on the computer as well.

A motion was duly made by Ms. Mahon seconded by Mr. Lodise for our president to sign the 2014-2015 NPDES Phase II MS4 Permit Annual Report PAG130168; Motion passed with all in favor 6-0-0.

Solicitor Report:

- Clean Water Resolution – The EPA is rewriting the clean water act. The Pennsylvania Association of boroughs is opposing the act and asking for support. Congressmen Fitzpatrick is behind the opposition for this act. They feel that it is going to be very unfair to anyone who may get flooded. They claim the EPA is trying to regulate every ditch, pond and rain puddle. They feel the act has the potential of being extremely expensive. Ms. Coleman would like time to review the act before voting on whether to support or oppose. Mr. DeBias asked council to take the time to review and be ready to vote at the work session on 8/19.

Streets:

- A recycle bin was reported missing at 322 Main Street. Republic was contacted and claims they do not have it. The owner appreciates the follow up.
- All street lights are functioning.
- The contract for Republic is up for renewal soon and bids must be collected. Mr. Lodise has been in discussion with Republic regarding bad weather pick up. They are suggesting that trash be picked up the Saturday after a missed scheduled pick up. Council is in agreement that they would like missed pick up schedule to remain the way it is now which is the day after the scheduled pick up. Council also agreed they would like Mr. Lodise to get quotes for 3 and 5 year contracts. A suggestion was also made to receive quotes for a 10 yard dumpster one spring and one fall for street cleaning. The price for the dumpster would have to be a separate itemized amount on the contracts.

Finance:

- Ms. Coleman informed council that tax collection is double what it was last year this time. Ms. Coleman is still very concerned with the electric bills. We are currently \$9,000 over budget for the street lights. Mr. Wheeler did contact the electric broker but has not heard back from them. He will make a call to them again and see if they have found us a new supplier.
- We received a payment from Neshaminy Shore Club for \$50 for activities in May. Mr. DeBias informed council that he had a phone conversation with Jim Hunt today. Mr. Hunt was in discussion with Neshaminy Shore Club's lawyer and they will be filing an amended return for May. Mr. Hunt will be sending a letter to Neshaminy Shore Club clarifying what was agreed to as far as amusement tax and a copy of that letter will be send to us.
- Ms. Coleman has set a meeting with Ms. Omietanski and Ms. McKairnes for 8/13 to discuss the budget for next year. A preliminary budget needs to be presented in October and a vote to advertise needs to be made in November.

Fire Marshall:

- Mr. Wheeler is going to be on a work schedule home for 2 weeks away for 3 weeks rotation. He is trying to schedule as many inspections that he can when he is home. He did inspect Preston's and their safety inspection was good.
- EMC training will be held tomorrow regarding the RSAN system. He will ask questions regarding what announcements can be made through the system. Can we use it for trash pickup during storms, announcing Main Street closed for flooding, no parking for snow removal. When the message is forced to all residents it is expensive if the message is voluntary it is free. It would be great if all residents signed up to receive the messages.
- A question came up as to whether or not bonfires are allowed in the borough. Mr. Wheeler said that bonfires are not permitted. The only fire that is allowed is for cooking food and if you see a bonfire you can call the police.

Mr. Mandolesi arrived 8:55pm

- Ms. Mahon brought to Mr. Wheelers attention that under the storm water tab the first five links are blank and could he update them. Mr. Wheeler will update them and he also expressed his

interest in improving the site. If anyone has any ideas if they could please forward them to him.

Solicitor Report:

- Conditional Use Application – Mr. Kiss has filed a conditional use application on 7/22. The borough has 60 days from the filing to hold a hearing on the application. Mr. DeBias distributed plans to all board members for them to review. Mr. DeBias needs council to decide first when they would like to hold the hearing. The hearing can be held during a regularly scheduled meeting or a special meeting. If a special meeting is held then council would need to advertise the meeting if it was held during a regular meeting the meeting date would have to be 9/8/14. Property owners surrounding the land in question need to be notified, the application needs to be advertised and a court stenographer needs to be present if council feels the application will be denied so that Mr. Kiss can appeal. The planning commission will meet with Mr. Kiss first on 8/12/14 and will present a report for the August work session so the board has time to review it and decide when best to hold the meeting. If the board approves the application the next step will be for Mr. Kiss to go through the process of being approved by zoning, land development and storm water management.
- Bridge Project – The stone in question under the bridge was confirmed by Mario to be purposefully placed to prevent silt from accumulating under the bridge. Council approved that the bridge project is officially complete and Mr. DeBias can complete the paperwork to close the grant.
- Park Ave – An email was sent to Mayor Harris and Frank Farry complaining about the conditions of Park Ave. Park Ave is a private road mainly owned by Mr. Dawson. The homeowners for years have wanted the road to be fixed but no one is willing to organize the efforts to get it done. Ms. Mahon was on a committee to try to resolve the problem and was never able to get resolution. The road is a private road and there is nothing the borough can do to assist in the matter. The neighbors and businesses need to come together and come up with a way that they can collect the money to have the road paved.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer's Report of August 4, 2014 was made available for inspection:

- **General Fund Checking** Balance as of July 1, 2014: \$ 80,663.44
Expenses Totaled: \$ -67,052.85
Income Totaled: \$ 35,431.13
General Fund Checking Balance as of July 31, 2014: **\$ 49,041.72**
- **Sewer Fund Checking** Balance as of July 1, 2014: \$ 78,502.36
Expenses Totaled: \$ -22,913.21
Income Totaled: \$ 52,880.04
Sewer Fund Checking Balance as of J July 31, 2014: **\$ 108,469.19**
- **Sewer Fund PLGIT** Balance as of July 1, 2013: \$350,690.90
Interest July \$ 8.91
Deposit \$ 0
Expense \$ - 0
Sewer Fund PLGIT Balance as of July 31, 2014: **\$350.699.81**

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| • Highway Aid PLGIT Balance as of July 1, 2014: | \$ 27,068.26 |
| Interest May/ June | \$.68 |
| Deposit | \$ 0 |
| Expenses | <u>\$ - 950.77</u> |
| Highway Aid PLGIT Balance as of July 31, 2014: | \$ 26,118.17 |

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| • General Fund PLGIT Balance as of July 1, 2014: | \$ 11,126.63 |
| Interest June | \$.28 |
| Deposits | \$ 0 |
| Expenses Total: | <u>\$ -18.67</u> |
| General Fund PLGIT Balance as of July 31, 2014: | \$ 11,108.24 |

Bills: A copy of the bill list dated August 1, 2014 was provided to Council and offered for review by the public. Note two bills were added at the meeting for Temple University and David Heiser:

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| • General Fund beginning balance as of August 1 2014: | \$ 48,326.87 |
| ending balance as of August 4, 2014: | \$ 28,862.77 |

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| • Sewer & Water beginning balance as of August 1, 2014: | \$ 108,046.46 |
| ending balance as of August 8, 2014: | \$ 91,644.35 |

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| • Highway Aid beginning balance as of July 23, 2014: | \$ 7,291.80 |
| ending balance as of July 23, 2014: | \$ 7,291.80 |

A motion was duly made by Mr. Mandolesi seconded by Mr. Lodise and carried unanimously to approve the bill list dated August 4, 2014; motion carries 7-0-0.

Zoning:

- Mr. Mandolesi submitted Ms. Juno's July 2014 monthly report totaling 7.5 hours. Ms. Juno researched code and emailed to verify issues at Neshaminy Shore Picnic, drafted and emailed the June and July monthly report to Mr. Mandolesi, drafted a template for November violations, researched and emailed signage request for Grace Episcopal Church, completed interior permit request from Mr. Maneely of Liberty Bell Real Estate, continued email requests from Mr. Maneely regarding 516 Main Street, and for Ms. Scully of 519 Washington for property line and plot plan information.
- Ms. Mahon receives several calls from people in the neighborhood reporting illegal dumping in the Neshaminy Creek. Ms. Mahon would like to know how she should handle these issues. Council recommended she encourage the caller to contact the local police on the non-emergency line making sure to give their name and phone number. The police will come and site the person and write an incident report. That information should be forwarded to Ms. Juno for her records should she need to take further action.

Maintenance on Borough Hall: Mr. Mandolesi notified council that there is water in the basement of borough hall and he is looking into the cause.

A motion was duly made by Mr. Lodise seconded by Ms. Mahon to authorize Mr. Wheeler to sign the Master Casting Agreement; Motion passed with all in favor 7-0-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:46pm; motion made by Mr. Mandolesi seconded by Ms. Mahon.

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Respectfully Submitted

Dorothy Omietanski,
Hulmeville Borough Secretary